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AND THE SEA OUTLET QUESTION

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1. BOLIVIAN MILITARY OFFICIALS HAVE INDICATED TO PRESS (AND PRIVATELY TO DAO) THAT THE PRINCIPAL THEME OF THE TRIPARTITE MEETING OF MILITARY COMMANDERS OF BOLIVIA, CHILE AND PERU IN SANTA CRUZ FROM JULY 3-8 WILL BE THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY AMONG THE THREE NEIGHBORS. NEVERTHELESS, NEWSPAPERS REPORT THAT AT THIS THIRD MEETING IN THE SERIES, BOLIVIA DOES INTEND TO RAISE THE SEA OUTLET QUESTION EVEN THOUGH IT IS UN-LIKELY THAT IT WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA YET TO BE PRE-PARED.

2. THE LA PAZ PRESS GAVE THE SCHEDULED MEETING HEADLINE PLAY ON JUNE 16, BILLING IT ESSENTIALLY ANOTHER VEHICLE TO PRESS SEA OUTLET NEGOTIATIONS FOLLOWING FONMIN ADRIAZOLA'S RECENT
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VISITS TO LIMA AND SANTIAGO (SEE REFTEL). HOWEVER, THE FOLLOW-ING DAY ONLY EL DIARIO CONTINUED THE THEME, AND IN A MUCH MORE SUBDUED MANNER, NOTING THAT PEACE IN THE HEMISPHERE WOULD IN FACT BE THE CENTRALISSUE. EMBASSY DAO SOURCES HAVE CONFIRMED THIS EVALUATION STATING THAT THE SEA OUTLET PROBLEM WILL CON-TINUE BEING TREATED AT THE POLITICAL RATHER THAN THE MILITARY LEVEL.

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3. BOLIVIAN PRESS AND OPINION VIEW THE RECENT RESURGENCE OF GOB ACTIVITY ON THE "SALIDA" ISSUE WITH FAVOR AFTER FIVE DORMANT MONTHS, BUT WHILE THEY APPROVE AND SUPPORT NEW GESTURES, THIS TIME THEY ARE WARY OF PREDICTING RAPID RESULTS. THE ONLY DISSENTING VOICE IS THE PERENNIAL ONE OF THE SEA OUTLET CIVIC COMMITTEE OF COCHABAMBA WHICH ON JUNE 14 PUBLISHED A DOCUMENT CALLING FOR A NEW BREAK IN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CHILE, CLOSER RELATIONS WITH PERU AND A SEARCH FOR BASICALLY NEW APPROACHES TO THE WHO SEA OUTLET
QUESTION. WHILE THIS GROUP IS ESSENTIALLY EXTREMIST IN OUTLOOK ON THIS MATTER, IT DOES EXPRESS FRUSTRATIONS WHICH LURK CLOSE TO THE SURFACE IN THE MINDS OF MORE MODERATE AND RATIONAL BOLIVIANS. THESE PEOPLE POINT OUR THAT WHILE THE ATMOSPHERE HAS AGAIN BECOME MORE HOPEFUL, NO NEW SOLUTIONS HAVE YET BEEN PUBLICLY PLACED ON THE NEGOTIATING TABLE AND TRIPARTITE DISCUSSIONS, WHICH MOST BOLIVIANS SEE AS INDISPENSABLE TO ANY SOLUTION, DO NOT APPEAR TO BE IN THE OFFING AT THE PRESENT TIME.

4. EMBASSY WILL REPORT DEVELOPMENTS OF SANTA CRUZ AS THEY OCCUR.
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